

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

## F-1 REINSTATEMENT CHECKLIST: INSTRUCTIONS FOR ONLINE FILING WITH USCIS

To file electronically, <u>create a USCIS online account</u>, then submit Form I-539, Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status. Be prepared to provide the following supporting documents:

- Reinstatement I-20
  - Print, sign and date the scanned copy you receive by email.

## □ Form I-94

- If you entered by air, access your electronic form at https://www.cbp.gov/i94.
- If you entered the U.S. by land, you may have received a paper I-94 stapled in your passport or an electronic form.
- Proof of Funding
  - If applicable, include English translations of documents.
- □ Student Letter
  - Letter explaining how the status violation was due to circumstances beyond your control and how failure to approve the reinstatement would result in extreme hardship.
- DSO Letter
  - If applicable, letter of support from an international student advisor.
- **University of Arizona Transcript** (*recommended*)
  - If filing electronically, upload to "Additional Information" section of the application.
- □ Application Fee
  - May be paid through your bank account (ACH), debit or credit card.
- After receiving your application, USCIS will send a receipt within 2-3 weeks. The receipt is called Form I-797 Notice of Action. You must submit a copy of the receipt to ISS.
- You can track your application status through your USCIS online account and find current processing times on the <u>USCIS website</u>. While your application is pending, you cannot work or travel outside the U.S. If you receive a Request for Evidence (RFE), contact ISS immediately for guidance.
- After your reinstatement has been adjudicated by USCIS, they will send an I-797 approval or denial notice. You must submit a copy of the notice to ISS. If approved, an international student advisor will issue you an updated I-20 showing the reinstatement approval.